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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, CB

SUBJECT: INACCURATE UPI REPORT SAYING EMBASSY PHNOM PENH
DAMAGED BY SHELLING

1. WE NOTE THAT UPI'S REPORT OF SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS
ON SHELLING OF PHNOM PENH IN DEPARTMENT'S PRESS BRIEFING
OF JANUARY 25 CONTAINS THIS SENTENCE: "THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
WAS HIT IN THE SHELLING, KING SAID, BUT THERE WERE NO DAMAGES."
THIS REPORT IS INACCURATE (NO SHELLS LANDED IN CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO THE EMBASSY) AND INCONSISTENT WITH TEXT
OF EXCERPTS OF THE PRESS BRIEFING CARRIED IN DAILY WIRELESS FILE.
(EPF-53, FILE NO. 18, 25 JAN 74.)

2. SPOKESMAN'S CHARACTERIZATION OF SHELLING AND
ITS IMPLICATIONS VERY HELPFUL. WE HOPE VOA WILL
EVENTUALLY PICK UP HIS REMARKS AND ALSO USE THEM IN
A SPECIAL COMMENTARY ON INDISCRIMINATE ATTACKS BY
FIRE GAGAINST CITIES AND TOWNS.SUCH A COMMENTARY IS
LONG OVERDUE.

3. AS FOR THE QUESTION PUT TO THE SPOKESMAN RE WHO
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THE FORCES ATTACKING PHNOM PENH ARE, WE URGE THAT HE TAKE

THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY THEM AS COMPLETELY
CONTROLLED BY COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS SUPPORTED BY NORTH
VIETNAMESE ADVISERS AND MUNITIONS. (SUGGEST EA/LC
PROVIDE THE BRIEF).
ENDERS

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